

REMARKS

Basis for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 7. Basis for new claim 28 may be found in original claims 1 and 19. Basis for new independent claim 34 may be found in original claims 1 and 17. Basis for new dependent claims 29-33 may be found in original claims 5, 6, 8, 12, and 18 respectively. Basis for new dependent claims 35-39 may be found in original claims 5, 6, 8, 12, and 18. The independent claims now correspond to previous dependent claims 7, 17 and 19 all indicated by the Examiner as allowable if written in independent form. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that all claims are now allowable.

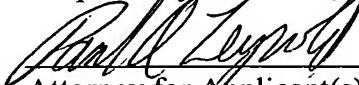
In paragraph 3 of the Office Action claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Berkcan(933) or Kotz(690). It is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. It is moot as claim 1 now has been amended to include a claim not rejected in this rejection.

In paragraph 4 claim 2 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Burkcan. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn in view of the amendment of claim 1 to include claims previously indicated as allowable.

It is gratefully noted that in paragraph 5 of the Office Action claims 3-19 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. It is noted that independent claims 1, 28, and 34 now correspond to previous dependent claims 7, 19, and 17 respectively. Therefore, each of these claims and claims dependent thereon should be allowable. It is gratefully noted that the Examiner has also indicated that claims 20-27 are allowed.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early notice of allowance be issued in this application.

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